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FOR: "Method for Microbially Producing L-Valine"

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, the time for a response to which is set to expire on July 26, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.